



**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**Notes**  
**Information Meeting – North Peace Fringe Area OCP**  
**West Moberly First Nations**

Date: March 20, 2009 Time: 10:30 pm  
Place: Regional District - Branch office, Fort St John  
Present: Bruce Muir, West Moberly FN  
Debbie Kunz, MCIP

**The following are notes regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft North Peace Fringe Area OCP:**

- Brief explanation of NPFA-OCP, its boundaries and process to date.
- List of Issues identified at start up of 2008, were briefly discussed, June 2007 and Jan. 2009.
- Discussions around public consultation meetings to date.
- Unfortunate that the public meetings were missed by First Nations.
- FN receive 100's of land use proposal and referrals and this OCP most likely was put into that file and may have been overlooked.
- Generally if the document is over 25 pages, council may give an initial comment, but if there is a more extensive or comprehensive review required, then there may be a charge for such a review.
- When corresponding to West Moberly, address letter to Chief and Council, with a cc. to Bruce Muir or lands department
  
- General discussions centered around the Province and superseding legislation.
- Is the Regional District the governing body for the OCP? Yes, the local government creates Community Plans based on Sec. 26 of the Local Government Act, and OCP's are approved by the provincial Ministry of Community Services. And prior to the ministries approval, the OCP must be referred to the Agricultural Land Commission.
  
- West Moberly's initial comments concerning this OCP may include, but are not all inclusive of:
  - Water protection
  - Impacts from the oil and gas industry
  - Impacts of Site C Hydro project on the land base
  - Protection of fish and wildlife and its habitat
  - Protection of historical or cultural areas, such as the identification of historical native trails along the Peace River, south of Fort St. John
  
- It was noted that some of these issues are addressed in the draft NPFA-OCP's goals and objectives, while others were identified at recent information meetings, and may require some amendments to the plan. West Moberly received copies of the Jan. 2009 public meetings and notes from two other meetings with First Nations groups.
  
- Has the Regional District considered working with the First Nations people on a Memo of Understanding (MOU)? This topic was generally discussed and it was agreed that this is something that the parties in the Peace River area could consider and maybe work towards.
  
- It was noted that West Moberly will be receiving notice and information regarding 2 other Community Plans:
  - South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan - startup last fall, 2008.
  - Rural Area Official Community Plan - expected to start this year, 2009.
  
- Bruce noted that he would discuss the NPFA-OCP with Chief and Council and would be back in touch with Regional District regarding this project with either a letter of initial comments or a request to meet with Chief and Council.

The Regional District looks forward to receiving any comments or feedback on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft plan.  
The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.